

Hope Grange No. 43
New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail
Hope Grange Road
Bowenton Vicinity
Cumberland County
New Jersey

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Hope Grange Road, Bowenton vicinity, Hopewell Township, Cumberland County, New Jersey.

Owner/Occupant: Hope Grange Association, No. 43.

Significance: This meeting hall for the Hopewell Grange Association is representative of the type of the plain, utilitarian frame buildings used by many different grange organizations for official and social functions. The simple, gable-front rectangular form is similarly used throughout the region for schools and churches.

Description: The one-story, gable-front frame building with clapboard siding is three bays across the front/west facade and four bays on its long side facades. The foundation of the main block appears to be local South Jersey sandstone, while that of the rear addition is concrete block. There is a plain box cornice with deep eaves on all sections of the structure; asphalt shingles cover the roof. There are two brick ridge chimneys that vent stove/beater(s), at the front end of the main block and the rear end of the addition. The primary entry is wood, with modern screen-doors are set in simple surrounds. The main entrance is centered on the gable end, flanked by two-over-two-light, double-hung wood sash. A second door is on the west facade of a protruding shed section of the rear addition. Four identical windows are on the north and south facades. Paneled shutters frame all windows. The building is in good physical condition.

History: Erected in 1904, this building has been utilized as a lodge for Hope Grange No. 43 since its construction. Hope Grange No. 43 is one of the lodges of the "Patrons of Husbandry," a national association which was organized in 1867. This secret association of farmers was formed to further their interests, and particularly to bring producers and consumers, farmers and manufacturers into direct commercial relation.

Sources:

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